Statement by the Head of the Delegation on the Death of President Kennedy
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With sudden shock, an end has come to the life and work of the President of the United States, John Fitzgerald Kennedy. His presidency, though brief, was full of grace and promise.

It bore with it hope for peace. The world has lost forever a great leader who cherished democracy and the protection of human rights in his great nation and throughout the world.

The late President was alive to the liberation of enslaved peoples and to the needs of developing nations, and he exerted himself with great energy to provide them with substantial aid, both material and spiritual.

He struggled to ease the Cold War raging in the world and to achieve the possibility of coexistence among the political powers that exist in the East and the West.

Through his initiative, the first international agreement prohibiting nuclear tests was signed in Moscow.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy was a loyal friend of the people of Israel and of our state. On various occasions he gave full expression to his deep interest in the flourishing and security of our nation.

His tragic death is a heavy blow that impacts not only the people—the whole world, those who cherish freedom and peace, and the American people who elected him to that high office—but all peoples who mourn his loss, a loss felt with sorrow and emotion.